UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: May 6, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Extensive investigation and coverage is continuing in Mexico with particular emphasis in areas where Ray has been known or alleged to have been in the past.

The Agent on the scene at Campeche, near the Yucatan Peninsula, reports that maximum cooperation is being received from both the Campeche State Judicial Police and the State Highway Police.

The City of Campeche has a population of more than 55,000 and there are seven other municipal areas in the state that comprise major population centers. The State of Campeche is slightly larger than West Virginia and has a population of 170,000.

The State police agencies in Campeche have a radio communications system covering each community in the State. They have made appropriate broadcasts and publicity has been obtained in various publications with additional publicity arranged for major editions over the weekend. Reliable Americans residing in the area are being specifically contacted.

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All hotels, motels, barber shops, liquor stores, grocery stores, and houses of prostitution in the city of Campeche have been checked without developing any information concerning Ray's present whereabouts or his alleged stay in Campeche sometime in the 1950's.

[redacted] also known as [redacted] formerly an inmate with Ray at Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that Ray took pep pills and disliked Western music. [redacted] stated Ray indicated a desire to go to New Orleans and spoke as if he had not been there before.

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[redacted] also knew Ray at Missouri State Penitentiary. The informant said one [redacted] wanted Ray to beat up his girlfriend, [redacted] (phonetic), Doe Run, Missouri, when Ray got out of prison. This is being checked out.

It has previously been reported that the Postal Inspector at Los Angeles made available a letter and photograph Ray mailed through a correspondence club to Patricia K. Anderson in February, 1968.

Anderson has been located and advised she has no knowledge of the subject except for the letter and photograph she received and gave the Postal Inspector. She said she was not a member of the correspondence club and believes her name may have been obtained by the club from an old magazine subscription list. Efforts are continuing to identify and locate the other four girls Ray allegedly wrote through this club.

Local authorities now plan to seek a murder indictment against Ray by presenting the facts to a grand jury at Memphis on 5/7/68. The State Attorney General's Office has requested that a representative of the FBI testify before the grand jury and the Special Agent in Charge at Memphis will do so.

ACTION:

Extensive investigation is continuing throughout the field on a top priority basis to locate and apprehend Ray as quickly as possible.